

Want to know more about the former Camp Ibis study?

The public is invited to attend a meeting to learn about a proposed study regarding potential unexploded ordnance (UXO) at the former Camp Ibis that will be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The former Camp Ibis, located in eastern Piute Valley and the western Dead Mountains, was a divisional camp associated with the Desert Training Center/California-Arizona Maneuver Area military activities conducted from 1942 to 1944 and was used to conduct a military exercise code named Desert Strike in May 1964. This Camp Ibis study will help characterize the type, location and amount of UXO that may be present at the camp. Results of the study will be used to help officials determine if there are potential hazards, identify and analyze any possible problems that may be caused by the presence of UXO, and evaluate methods to manage the risks. The public meeting, sponsored by the USACE, California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), and Bureau of Land Management, Needles Field Office (BLM), will be held:

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003

6 p.m.

Needles High School Auditorium

1600 Washington St., Needles

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Details of the investigation are presented in the "Final Work Plan: Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis, former Camp Ibis." The DTSC and BLM have reviewed this plan to determine if the investigation would significantly affect the environment. **Their findings are available for public review and comment from Jan. 7 through Feb. 6, 2003.** The DTSC study and findings are presented in a Draft Negative Declaration. The BLM study and findings are presented in an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (Preliminary FONSI). Both documents, along with the Corps of Engineers' Final Work Plan, are located at the Needles Public Library, 111 Bailey Ave., Needles, CA. The BLM EA and Preliminary FONSI are also available on the Needles Field Office website at <http://ca.blm.gov/needles>. Hard copies of the BLM documents may be requested by e-mail at ca690@ca.blm.gov or by telephone at (760)326-7000. Please send written comments on the BLM EA and Preliminary FONSI postmarked or e-mailed by Feb. 6, 2003 to Camp Ibis Project, USDI Bureau of Land Management, Needles Field Office, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363 or by e-mail to ca690@ca.blm.gov. Call George R. Meckfessel at (760)326-7008 for more information. Please send written comments on the DTSC Draft Negative Declaration, postmarked or e-mailed by Feb. 6, 2003 to Mr. Omoruyi Patrick, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630 or by e-mail to opatrick@dtsc.ca.gov. Call (714)484-5452 for more information.



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